

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2284 - SB 2451**

February 14, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows any non-custodial parent to petition a court to hold child support payments in escrow if the custodial parent is outside the state and fails to respond to a subpoena about support, custody, or visitation. A court would be required to consider the best interests of the child before ordering payments into escrow. The escrow of payments could continue until the non-custodial parent submits to the subpoena.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of \$44,357,000 received under the block grant for the Child Support Program.**

Implementation of the bill would violate federal regulations on child support by allowing a court clerk, rather than the Department of Human Services' centralized system to collect payments and retain a fee. Placing payments into escrow would violate federal regulations that require child support payments be remitted within two days of receipt.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director